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WESTBROOK, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announces that approximately 120 soldiers from the 643rd Military Police (MP) Company of Westbrook, have been ordered to mobilize in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit is scheduled to be mobilized and deployed for up to 18 months.

A formal send-off ceremony **will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the State Armory in Hartford.**

The 643rd MP Company will depart Connecticut on Sunday, February 12, 2006 to their mobilization station at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri for further training and validation. When validated the unit will deploy to Germany to support Provost Marshal Operations and Law and Order Operations in support of the Global War on Terror.

The 643rd MP Company is commanded by Capt. Santo Pizzo of Glastonbury, Conn.

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Currently, 40 soldiers from G Company, 126th Aviation of Windsor Locks and six soldiers from Detachment 6, U.S. Army Operational Support Airlift Command (OSACOM) of Windsor Locks are stationed in Iraq. Five hundred soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion of New Haven are at Ft. Bragg, N.C. for training and validation before deploying to Afghanistan.

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